

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following includes a complete set of pending claims including mark-ups.

Please amend Claims 11-13.

Please add Claims 18-20.

Please cancel Claims 9-10 and 15-17.

1.-8. (canceled)

9.-10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A component part adapted to be fitted in an opening provided in a plastic fuel tank main body, said fuel tank main body having a laminated structure including a layer made of gasoline barrier material and an outer layer made of weldable plastic material, and said opening communicating an interior and exterior of said tank main body with each other, said component part comprising:

a first part made of gasoline barrier material extending across said component part so as to substantially separate the interior and exterior of said tank main body from each other; and

a second part made of weldable plastic material provided in a peripheral part of said component part of which said component part is welded to a part of said outer layer of said tank main body surrounding said opening, said peripheral part defining an annular abutting surface defined by said first and second parts disposed concentrically one next to the other, said second part at said abutting surface projecting slightly beyond said first part at said abutting surface and exposing said abutting surface of said first part, said exposed abutting surface of said first part contacting said outer layer of said plastic fuel tank main body when said second part is welded to said outer layer of said plastic fuel tank main body.

12. (currently amended) A component part according to claim 11, wherein said second part projecting beyond said first part at said abutting surface ~~define~~ defines a convex surface.

13. (currently amended) A component part according to claim 11, wherein said second part projecting beyond said first part at said abutting surface ~~define~~ defines a slanted flat surface.

14. (canceled)

15.-17. (canceled)

18. (new) A component part adapted to be fitted in an opening provided in a plastic fuel tank main body, said fuel tank main body having a laminated structure including a layer made of gasoline barrier material and an outer layer made of weldable plastic material, and said opening communicating an interior and exterior of said tank main body with each other, said component part comprising:

a first part made of gasoline barrier material extending across said component part so as to substantially separate the interior and exterior of said tank main body from each other, wherein said first part is at least partially an outer layer of said component part exterior to the tank main body; and

a second part made of weldable plastic material provided in a peripheral part of said component part of which said component part is welded to a part of said outer layer of said tank main body surrounding said opening, said peripheral part defining an annular abutting surface defined by said first and second parts disposed concentrically one next to the other, said second part at said abutting surface projecting slightly beyond said first part at said abutting surface.

19. (new) The component part according to claim 11, wherein said second part at said abutting surface defines a concentric annular recess.

20. (new) The component part according to claim 18, wherein said second part at said abutting surface defines a concentric annular recess.